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Applicant	:	Phan et al.
App. No.	:	10/086,941
Filed	:	February 26, 2002
For	:	METHODS FOR DNA CONJUGATION ONTO SOLID PHASE INCLUDING RELATED OPTICAL BIODISCS AND DISC DRIVE SYSTEMS
Examiner	:	Frank W. Lu
Art Unit	:	1634

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on June 9, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants elect the claims of Group IIIB without traverse. Additionally, Applicants elect as the species "an oligonucleotide sequence."

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.



AMENDMENT / RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

July 30, 2004

(Date)

Jerry L. Hefner, Reg. No. 53,009

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) Response to Restriction Requirement in 2 pages.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- (X) An extension of time to respond for 1 month is hereby requested.
- (X) Time Extension Fee:
 - (X) One month (\$55 small entity).
- (X) A check in the amount of \$55 is enclosed.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.
- (X) Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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